would be refixed in the new pay-scales; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons there-

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Instructions have been issued to all the Assistant Commissioners by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to implement the revised pay scales announced by the Government on 12-8-87 for various categories of teachers. According to the provisions of revised pay scales, Senior scale and Selection scale are granted to the teachers after 12 years of service in the preceding scale subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions.

(c) and (d) Teachers who were already in the pre-revised Selection Grade will be placed in the Senior Scale.

**Seeking of Vacancy Position by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan**

72. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 3311 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December 1988 and state:-

(a) whether the matter of seeking vacancy position of teachers was raised in the meeting held between AIKVTA and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan held on the 28th November, 1988 under the chairmanship of KVS Chairman;

(b) what are the details of the decision taken in this regard; and

(c) what are the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir. No decision in this meeting was taken to ascertain the vacancy position in schools afresh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Accommodation to Haj Pilgrims**

73. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received repressentations from all over the country against pre-arranged complusory accommodation scheme for Indian Haj pilgrims, in Saudi Arabia; if so, whether Government have taken up the matter through diplomatic channels;

(b) what are the different classifications and rents for accommodation of Indian Hajis and what is the mode of selection of building hired for such accommodation;

(c) whether in view of high rentals, Government intend to increase the quantum of foreign exchange released to each Haj pilgrim; and

(d) whether the Haj Committee has also protested against the pre-arranged accommodation; if so, whether Government give any weightage to the decisions of Haj Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) to (d) Government have received representations from the Central Haj Committee and from all over the country against implementation of the scheme of pre-arranged accommodation for Indian Haj pilgrims in Saudi Arabia. The matter was taken up with the Saudi authorities through diplomatic channels who have insisted that pre-arranged accommodation

is compulsory and that no exception can be macle in favour of Indian Hajis. The question as to whether the pre-arranged accommodation scheme can be implemented in respect of Indian pilgrims for Haj-1989 remains under consideration. The question of enhancing the foreign exchange allocation per pilgrim will be considered if the rents payable are substantially higher than in previous years.

**Delay of Indian Airlines Flights**

74. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of Indian Airlines Alights delayed in December 1988 and January 1989 due to poor visibility on account of fog, smog and haze over Delhi and other cities;

(b) what were the losses suffered by the Airlines due to curtailment of flying hours during these two months;

(c) what are the other factors which affect the Airlines and contribute to its losses and the measures taken by Government to overcome these; and

(d) whether flight delays were also due to technical reasons; if so, the number of such delays in the past three months and the precise reasons for such delays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SH1VRAJ PATIL): (a) During December, 1988 and January, 1989, 284 and 237 flights of Indian Airlines were delayed respectively due to adverse weather conditions.

(b) Due to reduction in aircraft utilisation, Indian Airlines incurred a loss in profit of approx. Rs. 2.65 crores per month.

(c) The other factors which affect the Airlines and contribute to its losses are general cost escalations, wages due to increased VDA rates; steep rise in US dollar rate, time lag between the increase in cost and revision in fares, lower fares in the North-Eastern sector than the All India fares, high incidence of duties on aircraft and related spares and aviation fuel, etc.

(d) Delays/Cancellations due to technical reasons during the months of November and December, 1988 and January, 1989 were as follows:—

| Month | Delays | Cancellations |
|---|---|---|
| November, 1988 | 192 | 27 |
| December, 1988 | 202 | 13 |
| January, 1989 | 159 | 5 |

**Upgradation of Ahmedabad Airport**

75. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 620 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is proposed to augment facilities for maintenance of aircrafts and establishing Engineering Section at Ahmedabad airport; and

(b) whether land has been acquired to extend the runway at Ahmedabad airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The existing engineering facility at Ahmedabad is considered adequate.

(b) The National Airports Authority have taken up the matter for the extension of the runway from 7500' to 9000' with the State Government of Gujarat.